We have had a busy and productive couple of weeks in the classroom. Students are busy engaging in our ‘Country of Study’ research and creative arts presentation about Italy. This is part of the CWA community project. We are endeavouring to create some fantastic works to present to the local Barellan group at the end of term.

Thank you to all our mums and dads for their involvement in our parent-student-teacher interviews held over the past weeks. We have had some great positive feedback about the involvement of all parties, especially the children, in planning for our students learning pathway. It showed a great strength of support behind our children, and empowered them to take some responsibility and understanding about their own learning.

Our school counsellor, Mrs Robyn Heath, visited our school last Friday as part of our support services program. She was very glowing of our school- its beautiful surrounds, nurturing feel, delightful students, staff and community. She was quoted telling a colleague that, ‘You really must come and visit this place!’ That’s our Binya!

Karen 😊

SPORT

Riverina Swimming Carnival – Our representatives at the Riverina Carnival on Monday 9th March are Leah in 50m breaststroke, Harry in 50m backstroke and our P6 relay the team consists of Milly, Claire, Leah and Harry. Fingers crossed for them to qualify to represent Riverina at State this year! Good Luck!

Congratulations to Harry Rowston who was selected in the Griffith Zone basketball team. Harry will now attend the Riverina trials in Albury on Monday 16th March.

Congratulations Harry Rowston on being picked in the 24 man squad for Riverina Cricket. He will now attend two training sessions in Wagga and Albury followed by a game in Barooga in September where the final team will be picked. Awesome Effort Harry!

And to top off a great record in sports this week, Harry Rowston was also successful in being selected to represent us in the Narrandera-Leeton-Griffith AFL team and will play in Leeton on the 19th March to trial for the Western Riverina squad.

Small Schools Cricket

Mrs Conlan will be taking the Small School’s cricket team to play against East Griffith on Tuesday in Griffith. Harry Rowston will represent our school, along with students from Rankin Springs, Yoogali and Goolgowi. This will be Round 1 of the NSW PSSA Knock Out.

‘Upcoming sports’ - Yenda Cross Country – Monday 30th March (Week 10)
A Tip for Reading

Our Year 2-6 students are getting underway with our new Accelerated Reading Program. Students have an allotted book to read, based on an entry level assessment. It is important for children to read and re-read the book several times before sitting the online comprehension assessments at school. Research shows that re-reading nurtures the development of fluency and expression as the child becomes familiar with the storyline and is not simply ‘decoding’ each word. This in turn enhances comprehension as they are able to ‘listen’ to their reading and understand the storyline and embedded clues along the way.

Re-reading may seem boring to us, but its value is not to be understated. Try reading to a variety of people—mum, dad, siblings, babysitters, grandparents, neighbours! Try it out on anyone 😊

Browny’s Back 😊

Our students enjoyed another session of cricket with Owen Brown this week - Some great skills - lots of fun.

Thought for the week

Surround yourself with people who know your worth. You do not need too many people to be happy, just a few REAL ones who appreciate you for exactly who you are.

Claiming the – Friday 24th April from 6pm

Binya School will be hosting an... Open Air Movie Premiere in our school grounds!! Paddington comes to Binya

This fundraiser guarantees a night of great family fun! Family tickets will be $20 (single $5). BBQ facilities.

Auction of ‘Grannie’s Goodies’!! They may not know it yet, but our beautiful bakers in the community will be asked to make/bake their ‘signature dish’ to be auctioned on the night!! Jan’s Jams and Relishes... Eileen’s Apple Pie to name a few!!

The movie- newly released ‘Paddington Bear’ adapted from Michael Bond’s beloved books. A great movie for young and old 😊

We are looking for major, and minor, sponsors to assist with the projector costing? If you, or any businesses you know may be interested in supporting our event, please contact Melissa at the school.

Thank you to Jan Evans from Evans Newsagent & Postal Service for her generous sponsorship. Jan is always a trusty supporter of school and community activities...

Locals supporting Locals-keeping the Binya spirit alive 😊

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End of Term Assembly/Book Fair
We will be hosting an end of term/Easter assembly on Thursday 2nd of April. As part of our assembly we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Our school students are asked to dress up as their favourite book character ... that’s four weeks to prepare ;-) 
Kidz Konnect will be meeting on this day and joining us! The littlies will be doing Easter masks/hats to be a part of the fun 😊

Book Club Orders
Please no cash. Cheques or credit card payment only. Orders can also be done online. Please contact Sharelle 69661318 for any book club queries. Brochures have gone home with today’s newsletter.

Don’t forget! Book Club orders 16/03/15

KID’S CORNER

Last week we did some art at school. We used paper towel and put drops and made a colourful pattern. We drew fish and cut it out. The next day we sponge painted paper and added some seaweed to make our picture.
By Patrick, Millie and Leo

Last week we did some we did some art. We made water paintings. This is how we did them: We put water in a tray and put drips of oil on it. Water and oil don’t mix together; they don’t play nicely together. We put the paper in the oil and water, and then put food dye drops on the paper to make patterned paper for our ‘water drop’.
By Emily and Charlie

We drew a picture about farms. Some were oranges, grapes and a sheep farm. By Max

Max and I drew a picture about farms. Some were oranges, grapes and a sheep farm. We made the sheep out of cotton wool. The grapes were made out of purple tissue paper and the oranges were made using orange tissue paper. We coloured it in water colours. By Greer

For Art we are making a ‘dethridge wheel’. We used a paper towel roll and cut it in half. We sliced it down the middle and made tabs. We made v-shaped fins. We assembled it using a hot glue gun and painted them silver to look like metal. They have been pasted onto some of the projects.
By Luke and Harry
John Oxley was a famous explorer, who discovered Binya, but he didn’t make a farm or anything because he thought our hometown was a dry, scruffy country with no water - How could anyone possibly live here? Two of his horses even died! Well, look at us now... we certainly showed him!!  
**By Sam**

Water coloured pencils, a bit of rope and felt... How are we going to create John Oxley with this? Our art work depicts John Oxley in 1817 looking over our dry, scruffy country, now known as Binya. He thought it inhabitable! It may have been then... but look at us now!  
**By Milly B**

We have been looking at a time line about how Binya started. The aboriginal tribe called the Wiradjuri Tribe lived here first.  
**By Bailey**

On Tuesday Greer, Bailey and I drew an X-Ray fish. First we sketched an outline of a fish, and then we drew their bones before painting them with eticol dye. Next we made a Dot Fish. We dipped the back of a pencil in the paint.  
**By Claire**

In Art with Mrs Calabria we are drawing a timeline about the development of irrigation in our area. I have been drawing a picture about the soldiers return from war. They worked on building canals and settling on farms. A lot of people from other countries came and helped them. Many Italians made farms here. I’m making a collage about this development using materials for clothing and sticks for tents.  
**By Leah**

P&C NEWS - Next meeting: Monday 16th March @ 7pm. All agenda items to Kirsty Rowston.

**KIDZ KONNECT** meets every Monday at 10am. ALL WELCOME - you don’t need to have kids! A great chance to meet new people, or catch up with friends.

**KIDZ KONNECT IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Rural Fire Service visit Monday 16th March – Fire truck visit.** All welcome to learn about fire safety.

**No KK Monday 30th March** -will be held on Thursday 2nd April to incorporate School Book Fair and Easter Hat Parade.